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### Encouragement to American Poetic Talent! 8500 Premium.

TMPRESSED as I am with the controlling in-I fluence which is exercised by the fine arts arts upon the direction and destiny of human affairs, it has given me infinite pleasure to witness the bountiful manner in which, from time to time, painting and statuary have been encouraged and rewarded by the Councils of the Nation.

But, while this acknowledgment is due to the discerning and worthy patrons of these noble, it is an equal source of humiliation and sorrow to behold the apparent apathy and indifference with which they seem to regard the incomparably more valuable creations of poetry.

To see them adorn the walls of the Capitol with the glowing revelations of the pencil, and decorate the public grounds with the costly chef d'œuvres of the chisel, is an emen of all as a cheering pledge of the progress of re-finement. But, whilst they lavish their thousands upon those immobile products of canvass and marble and bronze, they offer no reward for the more exalted, more enduring and renowned ovations of the pen. No fostering hand from these high places has ever yet invited the Premethean fire of poetry to animat the history of our country, which, with all its harmony of form and wonder of proportion, lies asleep around the humble vault of Mount Vernon, ready to spring into life and beauty at the first kindling touch of this genial in-

It surely were a work of supererogation to introduce the proofs that crowd the records of the past to show how far above all other stands the "divine art" of poesy. What are all the paintings statues, and regalia of Versailles. of Fontainbleau and the Tuilleries, compared with the "Marseilles Hymn?" What the kingly panoply of gold and gems heaped up in the Tower of London; what the collections of the Royal Academy, or even the time hallowed shrines of Westminster Abbey, when compared with the songs of Burns, and Dibden, and Campbell? Or what has the world that we would take in exchange for "Hail Columbia" and the "Star-Spangled Banner?" Well might the British statesman exclaim "let me but write the ballads of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws."

As far as the living, breathing man is above the cold insensate marble that is made to represent him; as far as the radiant skies of summer are above the perishable canvass to which the painter has transferred their feeble resemblance, so far is poetry above all other arts that have their mission to console and elevate and inspire the immortal mind of

In view of these facts, and considering the lumentable pancity of patriotic songs in my distinguished and beloved country, and with the hope of being the humble means of a proper public feeling upon this interesting subjest, I have been induced to offer, and do hereby offer, the sum of five hundred dollars as a prize for the best National Poem, Ode or

The rales which will govern the payment of this sum, are as follows:

lst. I have selected (without consulting them) the following persons to act as judges or arbiters of the prize thus offered, namely: The President of the United States.

Hon, A. O. P. Nicholson, of Tennessee. Hon. Chas. Sumner, of U. S. Senate. Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, Hon. Jas. C. Jones, Hon. J. R. Chandler, of U. S. H. Reps. Hon. Addison White, Hon. Thos. H. Bayly, do Hon. D. T. Disney, do Hon. J. P. Kennedy. Secretary of the Navy. D. J. W. C. Evans, of New Jersey. D. Thos. Saunders.

Joseph Gales, Gen. R. Armstrong, of the Press. Dr. G. Bailey, W. W. Seaton,

Prof. Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution. Wm. Seldon, late Treasurer of the U. S. Rev. C. M. Butler, Episcopal Church. Rev. R. R. Gurley. Presbyterian Church. Rev. S. S. Roszell, M. E. Church. Rev. Mr. Donelan, Catholic Church.

2d. These gentlemen, or any three of them. are hereby authorized to meet at the Smithsonian Institutute, on the second Monday of December next, at such hour as they may appoint, and there proceed to read and examine the various peems which may have been received, and to determine which of them is most meritorious and deserving of the prize. And I hereby bind myself to pay the sum aforementioned forthwith, to whoever they shall present to me as the person who has written, within the time prescribed, the best National Patriotic Poem, and upon the representation that he or she is an American citizen.

3d. All communications must be sent to me at Washington (post paid) before the first Monday in December next, with a full and complete conveyance of the copyright to me and my heirs and assigns forever.

4th. I hereby bind and obligate myself to sell the poems thus sent to me as soon as practicable, for the highest price, and to give the proceeds to the poor of the city of Washington.

5th. No poem will be considered as subject to this prize which shall not have been written subsequent to this date, and received before the first Monday in December next. R. W. LATHAM.

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# THE TRUE DBLE.

BY C. B.

The only noble of our and, Is he who toils with bnest hand; He works all day, from morn till night-His look is glad, his bart is light.

The worker-whate'e his task may be, To till the land or bar the hod,-Wears upon his hones brow, The royal impress o his God; And brighter are his rops of sweat, Than gold in glitterin diamonds set.

God bless the noble wrking man! Who builds our citis on the plain, Who works the mines and builds the ships, And drives the commerce of the main; God give him all his ights demand: The only noble of ourland!

[For the Daily Evening Star.]

Yankee Johnisms.—How to Vrite the Life of an Eminent Mai

Yankee John thinks this in easy matter. Being bound to enlighter the public generally, he will let out the dark as to how the thing is to be done.

After your distinguished poet-or what not-has received due attention, as to birth and parentage, which is generally poor but respectable, and you are at a loss for-brains-several pages may be conveniently filled with an account of a ride he once took; on which occasion he mounted the well known lord so and so, or squire that and that's pony. After remarking that it has been several times identical pony, you can go on to substantiate the fact by certain correspondence touching the matter; said matter being of the utmost importance.

San Ban thinks it was the pony, because Jacco, in his letter to Fan Fan, describes it as having a white spot on the tip of the nose. And Faber D-0-, second cousin to lieutenant general Mutchkin's own cousin, confirming this impression by certain parts of his diarycase may be, Sir High Fer Lutin, coming by his grandfather's house, stopped to water his horse, which he remembers to have been marked peculiarly on the tip (mark the confirmation) of the nose, though he may be mistaken, as he, Fa ber D— 0—, second cousin to the Lieutenant General's own cousin, was hardly out of petticoats at the time.

After forty pages have established the fact that Fan Lutin did ride that identical pony, fifty are very easily devoted that Fan Lutin took tea with Lady Bessy Frivlus; who treated this remarkable marked civility! General Crowe is also sure that he did take tea with Lady Bessy, for his grandfather (who was there) often was very fine!" Lerd Slack corroborates the above. He distinctly recollects that Fan Lutin made a faux pas, (in consequence of poor but humble, &c.,) and spilt his tea on my Lady's snowy table cloth. Sir John Tabby puts a padlock on the assertion, and fastens it by the declaration that his great great aunt once told him that she had seen the identical cup—with a crack in the rim and a large piece knocked out-which in her mind made it rather doubtful whether it really was memorable occasion.

Interspersing three pages or so of matter-of-fact. with three hundred of conjecture or falderol, you make a highly interesting life, and pay a high compliment to the stupidity of your readers. Au YANKEE JOHN. revoir.

round," the following incident occurred, and is vouched for by the highest authority. A year or two ago an allotment be ing made in the usual manner for the benefit of the school mistress, it happened ister 'preach politics.' that the proportion of one man was just two days and a half. The teacher sat down to dinner on the third day, and was beginning to eat, when the man of the house addressed her as follows: - "Mad- con. am, I suppose your boarding time is out when you eat half a dinner, but as I don't want to be mean about it, you may eat, if crats appear." you choose, about as much as usual !"

probably be distributed in July. They and wicked appear!" will be sold at \$3.20 per hundred—three the enveloper.

## The Headache.

The light of the sun is torture—the pershrinks from a cheerful smile, and the a feeling akin to disgust.

gencies expected, The children run at that the order of the day is, wet bandagruel.

The headache in its worst stage has a peculiarly isolating effect upon the nerves, as all martys to that complaint testify. the throbbing brain, and the light touch of baby's pink and dimpled fingers, is a burden hardly to be borne.

"Will madam have dinner?" Heavens! the idea of eating! Spread your board with kingly abundance-lus-

cious fruits appeal in vain. India may heap high its tropical favors, and all the rest of the world bring tribute-China may be favored with a sip of her good old Bohea—but for the rest, they are mortal enemies: take them away.

Shall we have music, then? Nay! though pulcet as strains of an-

gelic harmony, sweet sounds are tuneless now. They fall on the nerve strung up to agony, like the rude jarring of discordant thunder on the delicate sense of the nightingale. Friendship is at a discount -leave us alone to battle with the enemy. disputed, as to whether that was the All the air is filled with fiendish atoms, that dance to and fro, and sail away, leavpain may riot in full view of the misery unimpaired. she inflicts.

Oh, for the silence of a desert! the thick blackness of a dungeon! the soft repose of an Edencouch, where the heated tem ples may be pillowed on the thickest and balmiest mosses. Hush the rude laugh. Tread as you would upon beds of the that on the first or second of -, as the choicest flowers. Bring the icy lotion that sucks fever from the vitals. Let cool ness and darkness and silence join in win ning the harsh distemper from the tenement in which he has well nigh over thrown reason and all her attributes. Be very tender of those who suffer from this excruciating complaint.

LOAFERS IN EDITORIAL ROOMS.—We protest, not only in our behalf, but also of the editorial fraternity generally, against the intrusive impertinence of those who may be styled "sanctum loun gers." Men of business are always welto the genuineness of Sir Sillee's account come in business hours, and business places: whether they come to seek aid or to bring aid. But the mere loafer who dawdles about the editorial room, drib man-amazing condescension !- with bling out his insipid nonsense, aboutnothing, is a nuisance, "most intolerable and not to be endured." Again we say, to loafers only, keep out of the sanctum: or look out for the big bull dog under the spoke of his remark—that "the cheese Editor's table! He is a terribly savage fellow, and can bite as well as bark: and smell a Yankee.—N. Y. Mirror.

We haven't any big bull dog with which to welcome loafers, but for big rats we are sufficient. Just let them get one grip, and loaferdom is a departed fact. Seriously though, the last place in the world a human being should loaf, is in an editorial room. An editor always has his hands and head full of business, and loafers are in the way. Any man of common sense can see that he is not wanted when he enters an editorial room, unless call and examine their stock of CLOTH. the cup which Fan Lutin used on that he has business, and just so long only as that lasts. Make it a point of religion and honor, never to go into an editorial room unless for some purpose connected with the paper—and stop the shortest possible time.—Boston Bee.

"Them's our sentiments!"

A Mistake in Words .- A worthy deacon in Connecticut, hired a journeyman farm-THE MAN WHO DIDN'T WANT TO BE er, from a neighboring town, for the sum-MEAN.—In one of the back towns of a mer, and induced him—although he was neighboring State-where it is the custom unaccustomed to church going-to accomfor the district school teachers to "board pany the family to church, on the first Sabbath of his stay. Upon their return to the Deacon's house, he asked his ' hired man' how he liked the preaching. He said that he didn't like to hear any min-

"I am very sure you heard no politics to day," said the Deacon.

"I am sure that I did," said the man "Mention the passages," said the Dea-

"I will. He said if the federalists scarcely are saved, where will the demo-

"Ah," said the Deacon, "you mistake -these were the words-'if the righteous The new Post Office envelopes will scarcely are saved, how will the ungodly

"Oh, yes," said the man, "he might dollars for the stamps and 20 cents for have used those words, but I knew darned well what he meant !"

A FUNNY WAY TO EXAMINE A LOCOMO-Spare us the infliction of a headache! TIVE.—Last Saturday, as the Express train from Montreal was running with fume of flowers intolerable-and one all steam up, to make time between St. John's and Rouse's Point, the engineer kind but officious services of friends, with observed a woman standing in the centre of the track, frantically swinging a bas-When headache rules, the whole house ket. The whistle was immediately mourns. No favors are asked, no indul- sounded to break, and with great exertion the train was brought to rest within the scent of vinegar; they know the rod a few feet of the woman who neither is in pickle. Every body seems aware moved from the track, nor evinced the slightest fear. The engineer, conductor, ges, dark rooms, uniform silence and and brakeman ran up to the woman, and enquired eagerly the cause of her signal. "La," said she, "I never seed one of them ar machines before in my life, and I do declare it's the funniest thing I ever did The happiness of others lends no balm to see!" Enough said, and no more was said by the conductor except a faint mutter-"Sac-a-ree."-Rouse's Point Adver-

> A GREAT RAISE .- A young man, evidently a bachelor, as he had in the meantime to do his own cooking, &c., recently produced with his own hands, in Georgia, 11 bales of cotton, average weight, 450 pounds; 45 barrels of corn; 25 bushels of potatoes; 500 bundles of oats; and a quantity of wheat, fodder and vegetables. He can evidently support a wife, and deserves one.

The last Liberia Herald received in this country contains a proclamation from President Roberts implicating the British government in the slave trade, by buying emigrants for her West India apprentice system! Lovely Britain!

The Charleston Standard thinks that ing one dazzled and blind. Now come Mrs. Singleton, now living in the Wilthe waves of fire, glorious in coloring, but | liamsburg district, in that State, is the shooting the light of an infernal glory oldest woman in the world. She is now down into the debts of our anguish, as if in the one hundred and thirty-first year to illumine every chamber of torture, that of her age. Her mental faculties are still

> The sale of canal lands in Illinois commenced on the 10th. Prairie land brought from \$4 to \$5 per acre, and timbered \$8 to \$16, being an average of 70 per cent.. above the appraisement.

Mr. Vanderbilt, the New York papers say, recently sold out his Staten Island possessions, including ferry boats, with all appertaining thereunto, for the good round sum of \$600,000.

Wages in Ireland, owing to the "continued exodus, have reached a higher point than even during the war." A large railroad contractor, reports ten shillings per week, as the lowest rate at which he can now procure laborers of an ordinary class.

The Baltimore Argus wishes to know whether they have a Steinberger among them, whose speculations some years back not only affected that market, but had its influence upon this.

A young woman about twenty years of age, was imprisoned in the Movamensing prison, at Philadelphia, last Thursday, at her own request for thirty days. She gave as a reason the want of food, friends, and a home.

The Maine papers give the names of ninety eight citizens of that State, principally from Somerset county, who have what is more, he can scent a loafer as far recently sailed for Australia. Among as Carlyle says a London cockney can them were three women with their hus-

The Earl of Ellesmore, Sir John Lyell, and party, have engaged apartments at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York, during their stay at the World's Fair.

Samuel White, who was convicted, in Boston, for robbing Mr. J. S. Ellis, a broker, of about \$7,000, has been sentenced to three years hard labor in the State Prison.

The Board of Public Works of Virginia, on Saturday last, made the State subscription of \$60,000 to organize the Alexandria, Loudon, and Hampshire Railroad Company.

Hon. H. W. Hillard, of Alabama, has been recently elected a corresponding member of the Imperial Academical Society of Cherburg, in France.

An English company are about to construct a ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien, between North and South America, to connect the Atlantic and Pacific

The Governor of Massachusetts, all the Senators, and one-half of the Representatives, have subscribed one day's pay each towards the Washington Monument.

Lawns or grass plats should be mown as often as once a fortnight, if it is desired to secure a fine, smooth turf.

The Georgia Baptist State Convention was in session last month at Atlanta.

A California Academy of Natural Science is talked of.

The journeymen bricklayers of Boston now work ten hours per day. The Ravel Family are performing in

Louisville. A Convention of the Printers of Louisiana is to be beld at Baten Rouge, July 4.